

## GASOLINE RATIONING UNLIKELY

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline rationing was virtually ruled out for this summer by Monday's announced ending of the Arab oil embargo against the United States.

But petroleum supplies may stay tight enough to require continued fuel-conservation measures.

Both conclusions have been cited by energy officials as the likely results of an end to the embargo, although the Federal Energy Office declined immediate comment after the actual an-

nouncement.

Whether the nuisance of long gasoline-station lines is gone for good, however, depends on just how tight the summer supplies remain.

And that depends on a variety of things: gasoline demand, at the high prices now in effect; actual crude oil import levels; the availability of imported gasoline as the embargo lifts still further in Europe, and policy decisions on the use of existing gasoline inventories and the late-summer shift of refinery production toward other fuels.

John C. Sawhill, deputy administrator of the Federal Energy Office, said last week that an end to the embargo would lift the threat of gasoline rationing, for it would provide some assurance that fuel shortages over the next several months would at least get no worse and probably would improve.

But Sawhill also warned that the nation would have to continue its efforts to conserve energy.

The reason is that U.S. demand for gasoline and other petroleum products has been rising steadily. And the Arab nations appeared unwilling to increase their production levels higher than existed

before the embargo, while U.S. domestic production has stagnated.

So there seems to be little prospect that total U.S. petroleum supply can expand much beyond last year's levels.

Any chance for economic growth — at least if it depends on petroleum — will therefore require fuel conservation to provide some growth margin.

The Federal Energy Office has measured fuel shortages against

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## Oil Nations Ready To Load Ships

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Most of the Arab oil producers prepared today to load tankers for the United States following their decision to lift their five-month oil embargo.

Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait and Qatar agreed Monday to lift the ban on shipments to the United States that they imposed during the October Arab-Israeli war.

Their action was taken in recognition of Washington's efforts in getting Israel to withdraw from the Suez Canal and in hopes Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger would secure a similar Israeli withdrawal on the Syrian front.

Despite strong pressures to join in the majority decision and present a united Arab front, Libya and Syria refused to endorse resumption of exports to American.

The Libyan government radio termed the lifting of the embargo an "act of treason." Radio Damascus made no mention of the announcement in Vienna.

Libya shipped about 10 per cent of the 1.9 million barrels of Arab crude oil the United States imported daily before the embargo, and presumably it will still not resume these shipments. Syria's only oil weapon is the pipeline from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean, which crosses its territory, and it was expected to continue barring U.S.-bound tankers from loading at the pipeline's Syrian terminal.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said tanker shipments from the Persian Gulf should begin reaching U.S. ports in about two months. But he said Algerian oil, shipped from the Mediterranean, will arrive much sooner.

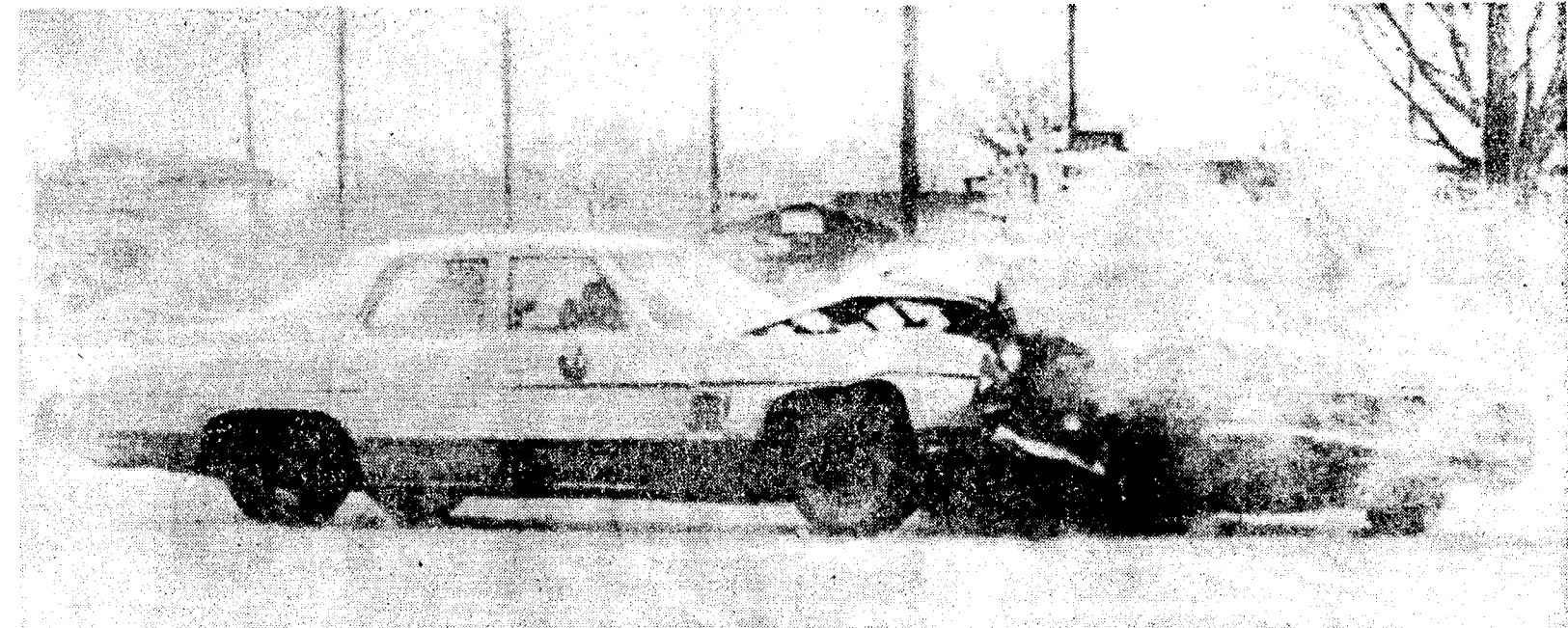
Yamani said Saudi Arabia would ship at least a million barrels a day to the United States, and Kuwait, Algeria and other countries would send additional amounts. But no total figure was available.

The oil ministers said in their communique that the ban would be lifted for at least two months and they would review their action at another conference June 1 in Cairo. Yamani stressed that only an unforeseen change in Washington's Middle East policy would cause them to put the embargo back on.

While rewarding the United States, the Arab minister retained their embargo on shipments to the Netherlands and Denmark. They said the two countries remain hostile to the Arab cause.

Oil shipments to West Germany and Italy, however, were returned to full prewar volume. Exports to the two countries had been cut by 15 per cent because of their alleged pro-Israeli sympathies.

Production cuts for Japan, Britain, France and other West European countries had already been restored.



**NEWSMAN RAMS GETAWAY CAR:** Memphis, Tenn. television newsman Bill Anderson became enraged Monday when he saw a robbery getaway car run down a policeman. Anderson gunned his car

into the getaway car and ducked. He was unhurt in the resulting crash. The collision ended a chase of a bank robbery trio. One holdup man shot and killed

himself when he realized he would be captured. The policeman suffered a broken back when hit by car. (AP Wirephoto)

## Battle Likely Over Report On President

WASHINGTON (AP) — It could take weeks for the House Judiciary Committee to learn if it will receive the secret grand jury report on President Nixon's role in Watergate.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica ruled Monday that the report should go to the committee for its impeachment inquiry.

### Judge Changes Mind About First Offenders

HILLSDALE, Mich. (AP) — Hillsdale County Circuit Court Judge Kenneth G. Prettie has done an "about face" in his dealings with breaking-and-entering convictions.

Prettie announced Monday he would no longer give probationary sentences to first-time offenders in breaking-and-entering cases because that seemed to be encouraging the crime in Hillsdale.

Instead, the judge said, he would lean toward giving the maximum sentence.

He opened his new policy by sentencing John H. Neeley, 17, Hillsdale, to a prison term of two-and-a-half to five years for his first conviction for attempted breaking-and-entering.

At a hearing before Sirica March 6, Wilson had argued that the grand jury lacked the authority to issue such a report and that if it were sent to Congress its contents probably would leak out and possibly prejudice his clients' rights to a fair trial.

However, Sirica noted that "the person on whom the report

focuses, the President of the United States, has not objected to its release to the committee."

And, he concluded "delivery to the committee is eminently proper, and indeed, obligatory."

Sirica said the report "draws no accusatory conclusions...The report is a simple and straightforward



**ROBBERS WITH HOSTAGES:** This photo was taken moments before crash shown above. The three bank robbers are here leaving a branch of the Union Planters' National Bank at Memphis after a holdup Monday. The hostages were later released

when a police chase of the getaway car ended in smashup. One female hostage sustained a minor injury. The bearded holdup man in photo shot himself in the chest and died. (AP Wirephoto)

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compilation of information gathered by the grand jury, and no more."

Vice President Gerald R. Ford told reporters Monday night that he agreed with Sirica's decision. Ford, at a Republican fundraising dinner in College Park, Md., said "What he has done is what I personally felt should have been

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## Sees Silver Lining In Future

## Milliken Paints Dark Picture For 1974

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Although he finds a silver lining in past and expected future growth, Gov. William Milliken has painted a cloudy economic picture for Michigan in 1974.

Milliken called again Monday, in the "Economic Report of the Governor," for tax cuts to ease the shock of sliding from a boom year with high inflation to a near recession with continued high inflation.

Reporting "strong economic growth" in 1973, and predicting that the "economy will improve in the second half of the year, paving the way for a 1975 recovery," Milliken nonetheless detailed a depressing immediate future for Michigan residents.

"While the underlying problems that are creating our current economic disturbances are national and even international in scope, and beyond the power of state government to resolve," Milliken said, "Michigan has many strengths which historically

have given our economy strong resiliency."

Milliken acknowledged 1974 "has begun with very slow economic growth," and named cutbacks in the auto industry, a slowdown in consumption of durable goods and housing and uncertainty over fuel supplies as the culprits.

The report made the following predictions for 1974:

—It will be a year of slower growth than 1973, with "high rates of inflation."

—Michigan will suffer more than most states from the decline in auto sales, although the boom in capital goods will continue.

—Employment in Michigan is expected to increase only slightly, by less than one per cent, mainly in the last part of the year.

—While personal income is projected to increase 6.2 per cent, inflation will boost prices 7 per cent based on the Detroit Consumers Price Index.

—Specifically, total auto sales are predicted to drop 15.6 per cent, building permits will decline 10.5 per cent and retail sales, other than cars, are expected to grow by 5.5 per cent.

However, Milliken said he is "confident that while historians will regard 1974 as a difficult year for the economy, they will also note it as a year in which Michigan both controlled and continued to improve its economy."

In calling for legislative help for those most affected by the economic slowdown, Milliken revealed he had asked President Nixon for a special program of unemployment compensation for workers laid off as a result of the energy crisis.

Specifically, the governor called for the following tax measures, most proposed in his budget message earlier this year:

—Raising the maximum unemployment s from \$50 to \$92 a week

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**MISS NEW BUFFALO:** Kathleen (Kathy) Van Meer, 18, was crowned Miss New Buffalo 1974 last night in final community queen contest for Blossomtime 1974. Kathy will represent her community in Miss Blossomtime pageant Monday, April 1, in Lakeshore high school auditorium. See story on page 10. (Staff photo)

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## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorIt Isn't Tax Reform--  
It's Just More Taxes

Each of Michigan's more than 600 public school districts could levy its own income tax under a bill sponsored by State Rep. Roy Spencer, Attica Republican.

Spencer has been pushing his idea since 1969. He makes it sound pretty plausible:

"Letting schools tax income, those districts that decide they want to do so, is a simple matter of equity. This bill would give a school board an alternative — in part, at least — to the property tax which almost everybody agrees is the most unfair and burdensome tax of all. The income tax is a fair tax, based on ability to pay."

What Spencer doesn't say is that his bill is written in such a way it gives a special break on state school aid to rural constituencies like Spencer's Lapeer county.

Nor does Spencer bother to consider whether taxes in Michigan aren't already too high. But Rep. Paul Rosenbaum, a Battle Creek Democrat, sure does. Says Rosenbaum of Spencer's bill:

"This would add another layer of taxation at a time when people are overtaxed and clamoring for relief. I am dead against it."

Under the Spencer bill, a school district, by school board action, would be authorized to tax income at the rate of one per cent for individuals, 2.2 per cent for corporations and 3 per cent for financial institutions.

Unless rescinded in a referendum vote, the school levy would be collected as an add-on to the state income tax, and placed in a separate education tax account in the state treasury.

Spencer calculates that the potential yield of the tax, if applied on a statewide basis, would be equivalent to the yield of 6½ mills of property tax.

Accordingly, one per cent of local education tax would be recognized for school aid purposes as the equivalent of 6½ mills of property tax.

Thus, a school district choosing the

Spencer bill option, could meet next year's qualifying rate for a full share of state aid by levying 18½ mills of property tax plus one per cent of education income tax.

Taken by itself, the bill is perhaps not unreasonable. But taken together with the rest of Michigan's tax structure, it is unreasonable — on at least two counts.

First, it's a foot in the door to open the income tax bonanza to the ever-greedy teachers' unions.

Second, it would represent a fourth layer of income tax for many Michigan residents — just a little bit much.

The first and only income tax until the 1960's was the federal one. But, starting in that decade, sixteen cities — including Detroit and Lapeer in Spencer's district — have levied municipal income taxes.

A third layer of income taxation came in 1967 for Michigan residents when the state adopted a 2.6 per cent levy on income. The rate was jumped to 3.9 per cent in 1972.

Spencer's bill twice has failed by one vote to come out of the House Taxation Committee. That's where it rests now; and that's where it should be buried. It wouldn't hurt for fed-up taxpayers to let their legislators know.

Spencer's bill isn't tax reform. It's just more taxes on business and the middle class.

Spencer's a Republican, but he looks more at home alongside the Democrats who want to take sales tax off food and drugs — to be replaced by another \$150 million in income taxes.

Everybody should pay at least a little something toward the cost of government. Michigan already has too many people who shout for more and more public service because they're excused from paying for it.

If the tax shift to business and the middle class continues, Michigan will be fit only for welfare clients and bureaucrats. And you can bet neither group will pay for the other.

Nation Loses First-Rate  
Servant In George Shultz

George P. Shultz has done yeoman public service as a member of the Nixon Cabinet from the start. He began as secretary of labor, then became director of the crucially important Office of Management and Budget, and since 1972 has been head of the Treasury Department. Announcement that he will leave the government in May provides occasion to praise him for his able, devoted and vigorous contribution to public affairs.

Shultz has played a greater role in shaping the administration's economic policy than any other individual. This

has been particularly so during the months since Watergate and related matters became a major preoccupation for the President.

Though Shultz himself has not been tarred with the Watergate brush, events of the past year have clearly taken their toll of him. That may be a significant reason for his departure. He says he is tired. A friend has put it more dramatically: "He is fatigued in the soul." Whatever his reasons for leaving, the nation will be losing a first-rate public servant.

Have You Thought About This?  
--Fat Students Don't Streak

Fanciers of streaking have observed, perhaps not without a heightening of interest in the phenomenon, that streakers invariably are drawn from the ranks of the lithe and well muscled. Students toting a load of winter blubber balk at bare

shenanigans in public.

Aesthetically speaking, this is all to the good. But one must also consider the health benefits of streaking. It can be persuasively argued that these benefits ought not be denied to those who need them most.

Pelting across campus at top speed is clearly an aid to fitness. Few streakers, even in the most exhibitionist frame of mind, linger en route. They move briskly from one point of concealment to the next, and that is just what the doctor ordered for all-around muscle tone.

The trouble is that, as noted above, most of the streakers are already in good shape. What the situation requires is some inducement for those most in need of toning up.

The inducement is ready at hand. On some campuses, streaking has gotten to be the "in" thing; there is heavy pressure to take part. One envisions those of willing spirit but flabby flesh working hard to trim down and make the "team." Streaking may yet turn out to be the biggest boon to student fitness since basketball was invented.

Damage to property in the United States from air pollution is estimated at \$11 billion a year.

## Fed Up



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

EROSION LOSS  
IS HUGE!

— 1 Year Ago —

The Lake Michigan shoreline "disaster area" in Berrien county became more acute over the weekend as storm-lashed waves continued to eat away at the ravaged shoreline. Heavy damage was inflicted on the shoreline along the length of Berrien county and in neighboring Van Buren county and Indiana.

No estimates of the general property loss were available this morning. But the pre-spring storm definitely compounded the havoc that has been going on since November. Berrien county was designated a disaster area by the U.S. Small Business administration as a result of the Nov. 14-15 storm. The SBA opened an office in Berrien county courthouse to process loan applications for the November storm damage. The lake's high water was whipped into a frenzy Saturday by west winds that

gusted up to 50 miles an hour between 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, according to the St. Joseph Coast Guard station.

NEXT STOP  
IS LANSING!

— 10 Years Ago —

"That was the greatest ball club we ever played," declared Galien coach Dave Hallgren Wednesday night in Sturgis after his Gaels edged the Addison Panthers, 96-95, in a quarter-final basketball game.

This was a just tribute paid by a winning coach to a team that fought a height disadvantage of almost 20 inches in the front line to come within one point of pulling the biggest upset of the cage season. Galien fans went wild as Duane Kohlenberger's last-second shot missed by a fraction of an inch for Addison. On the other side of the gym, Panther fans sat in tearful disbelief as they had seen their team come so close. There were tears on the Galien side, too, but these were tears of

joy as Gael fans, many of whom were not too worried about the outcome some 45 minutes earlier, breathed a sigh of relief.

NAME GROUPS  
FOR PLAY

— 35 Years Ago —

The committees for the annual Junior play, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," have been formed, and are busy with production details for the play, to be given at the St. Joseph high school on Friday night of next week. Miss Gladys Goodwin of the faculty staff has been hard at work with the cast for weeks on rehearsals.

The stage and properties committee which is under the advisement of Mrs. Thora Sexton of the home economics department, is composed of Shirley Sayers, chairman, Marion Heustis, Harry Piehl, Harold Quandt, Arthur Selent and Peggy Thurston. On the committee which has charge of tickets are Miss Nellie Richmond, faculty advisor, and Janet Gray, chairman, with Doris Arend, Hazel Barts, Robert Cordano, Phillip Morse and Margaret Shearer.

## ACCEPTS POSITION

— 45 Years Ago —

Miss Wanda Reinhardt, of Glendora, has accepted a position in the office of City Manager H.G. Crow. His former office girl, Miss Helen Yeske, is in Tabors sanitarium where she was taken for an emergency operation for appendicitis.

## HEAR OBJECTIONS

— 55 Years Ago —

The regular meeting of the city council last night was set aside to hear objections against paving Niles avenue from Winchester to the city limits. But two property holders on the proposed improvement appeared before the council to submit their objections. These objections were raised by a property in the vicinity of Kingsley avenue ravine. Alleging no benefit whatever could be received from pavement on the ravine frontage, the owners see no justice in forcing them to pay the added cost, thinking the expense should be taken from public funds.

I am determined to do what I can to wake up more people to do more about the problem of illegal drugs in Berrien county. I ask you — citizens, parents, government and school officials, — do you know how widespread the use, possession, selling and buying of narcotics really is? The traffic of narcotics reaches into every city and village of Berrien county. Let us all try to bring it to a halt.

Rev. Richard Shimek  
Eau Claire

## BIG PRINTING BILL

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — The Kalamazoo School Board says it has paid \$70,000 for the final brief for its appeal of the city's school desegregation case.

## Ray Cromley

## Soviet Pressure

## Keeps Race Going



Research is on the way to producing an effective family of relatively cheap missiles which could be so thoroughly scattered and hidden in unlikely places that they would serve as protection against a Soviet first-strike.

The more effective the current round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT II) are in limiting missiles with multiple warheads, or other major esoteric missiles, the more likely it is that the arms race between the Soviet Union and the United States will be spearheaded by work on the piebald cruise missile, something almost ignored here until Russian developments of this unglamorous weapon were learned of causing the unpredictable Defense Secretary James Schlesinger to shock the Pentagon into action.

The major problem still is that deep and bitter Air Force and Navy infighting could delay research and development intolerably. The current behind-the-scenes tactic is to dismiss the cruise missile as "political," and to put up one technical roadblock after another. Strong men in both services fear successful development of this missile, with its possible variations, could reduce support for pet projects such as the B-1 super bomber and some major advanced types of naval ship-missile systems.

The cruise missile is extremely versatile and being subsonic, can fly long distances. It is difficult to attack because most versions can be programmed to fly in at such low altitudes as to be virtually

undetectable by radar. It is so cheap it can be placed here and there in large numbers. One version will fit a standard sized torpedo tube making every strategic and tactical submarine a potential launching platform. But with some modifications in ship and weapon, it can also be carried on almost any merchant ship of any size. It can be handled on the B-52 bomber and on the future B-1. But with modifications it can be carried on a variety of military aircraft — including cargo planes. With such dispersal, no Soviet intercontinental missile force could knock out enough cruise missiles to make the Soviet Union feel safe.

But equally important, the cruise missile does not require an expensive and sophisticated launching platform — that is, no super sub or super plane.

The aforementioned has centered on strategic types of the cruise missile. But inexpensive tactical versions can be equally effective, and as revolutionary, as the Russians have demonstrated in rigorous testing. Cruise missiles, already installed in the Soviet Navy, are potentially as menacing to surface warships as the Russian provided Egyptian anti-tank weapons were to tanks in the recent Arab-Israeli fighting.

Schlesinger is known to strongly believe that only through a rich research budget, which emphasizes studies into unconventional weapons, strategy and tactics, can the United States afford the defense he believes this country must have to counter the growing military strength of the Soviet Union.

Maybe School Day  
Is Too Long

Most of the time when you read about discontent in the schools it has to do with the so-called inner-city school. We hear that reading test scores have fallen once more, that drop-out rates are up, that there is controversy over some administrator, and so forth. But discontents also exist, different ones to be sure, but nevertheless real, concerning the suburban and exurban school. Though these have been quieter, you can be sure that they will help to shape the discussion of our primary and secondary schools during the next ten years.

First of all, the school day is quite simply too long. In the average public school, the child arrives around 8:15 in the morning and leaves at 3:00 in the afternoon. Only a fraction of that day is actually devoted to academic subjects. Perhaps a third to half the time, sometimes a bit more. Then the enormous problem arises of what to do with the remainder. So-called study halls are useful time-consumers. All sorts of cultural activities can be pressed into service: movies, clay modeling, wood carving, games, and so on.

Quite a few students sense the imposture. They often have other ideas about how to spend their time. Their parents may consider that the cultural end of things could be better handled at home. To the degree that the school day is not taken up with

actual subjects like math, reading, languages, history and so forth, the time consumed becomes an imposition.

As everyone knows, the public school has traditionally performed a "baby sitting" function. Tactically, at least, that is one reason for the long 8 to 3 school day. But the baby-sitting function is really a throwback to an earlier period, when both parents might be working, and when in any case the culture generally lacked the variety of activities that the affluence of the past 20 years had made available.

In Northern New England, for example, where ski racing is a major sport, many adolescents would rather spend their afternoons up in the mountains than sitting around the school until nearly dark. Others would rather devote a lot more time to music. An entire spectrum of individual possibilities is available, but state laws and school regulations insist on the traditional 8 to 3 school day.

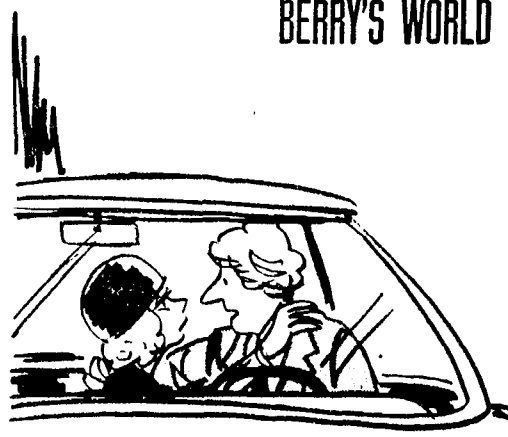
One result has been the establishment of a number of small private schools catering to special interests. These are much more flexible. They have shown that the average student can complete his academic work in three or four hours, and then devote himself to music, skiing, forestry, or any of a host of specialized interests.

It can only be a matter of time before middle to affluent parent demand a similar flexibility on the part of the public schools.

This demand — in essence, for few hours spend in school — meets with a good deal of resistance from some administrators. They view the school as a sort of "total environment," and not as just a mechanism for teaching certain skills and imparting particular information. They want the student for as long as possible, in order to shape his cultural, political, ethical, sexual, and other attitudes. Implicitly, at least, they wish the school to extend its influence over more and more of the student's existence. Naturally, therefore, the schools grow ever more elaborate, ever more expensive.

But both economically and philosophically, resistance to this is growing. Increasing numbers of parents are saying, in effect, teach the child algebra and French. We will handle the culture and the rest.

## BERRY'S WORLD



"This is insanity to talk about my dating you. We live more than a tank full of gas from each other."

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## SJ May Vote On Dial-A-Ride Funding Questioned

St. Joseph city commissioners last night expressed reservations about future funding of the proposed Dial-A-Ride bus system and indicated they may want to put in the ballot for voter approval.

Commissioners also said they have serious concerns about what effect DART would have on the Twin Cities Motor Transit Company which now

provides bus service.

A meeting to discuss DART has been scheduled for Thursday by the state highway department and commissioners said they hope to get answers to their questions then.

A \$254,420 budget for DART in this area during 1974-75 has been established pending approval of the state legislature. The state highway department

is recommending that St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Benton township and St. Joseph township form a transportation authority to operate public transit in this area.

The Benton Harbor city commission last night decided to find out before Thursday if other Dial-A-Ride cities were required to set up the type of transportation authority, requested by the state for the Twin Cities area DART program.

Commissioners Lee Selent and Joseph Hanley said they would be opposed to DART if it only involves outside funding on a one-year basis.

Selent said the commission should have "some assurance that we won't have to increase taxes to raise money to finance the operation after the first year when we don't know how many people in St. Joseph will be affected."

Selent said the commission should have a "mandate from the people" on DART. Hanley said the issue should be put on the ballot if it is going to involve funding by the city in future years.

Mayor Franklin Smith and Commissioner William Gillespie also said they have questions concerning second year funding of DART.

Hanley said Twin Cities Motor Transit has to be considered. "Good or bad the company has provided service to this area and should be compensated if pushed out of business," he added.

Commissioners also passed a resolution creating a joint committee with the Kiwanis Club to discuss use of \$5,600 received as a gift from the estate of Edward Craig, president of Sarnac Machine Company, who died in 1928.

Craig's will in 1928 bequeathed 50 shares of Sarnac stock to the corporation. When the Twin Cities company dissolved last year the shares were liquidated and paid over to the city with the provision they be used for playgrounds and parks open to and used by children.

The city also will receive from the will 500 shares of other common stock currently worth about \$5 a share. This stock has not been liquidated.

In other action, the commission passed a resolution opposing Senate bill 888 in Lansing which removed local control the renewal and revocation of tavern and bar liquor license. The bill is currently in House committee and the commission's resolution will be sent to State Reps. Harry Gast, Jr. and Ray Mittan.

The proposed bill gives the Liquor Control Commission discretion to continue a liquor license even though a local governing body wants it revoked. Currently the Liquor Control Commission must revoke a license if requested by a governmental unit.

Mayor Smith proclaimed the week of March 24 to 30 as Nurses Week in St. Joseph in honor of the contribution of nurses to the community.



**MORE LAND FOR NATURE CENTER:** One hundred acres of upland and floodplain marsh and forest has been given to Sarett Nature Center, northeast of Benton Harbor, as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. William Vawter of St. Joseph. Land lies adjacent to and south of present nature center property along Paw Paw river. Charles Nelson, director - naturalist of center, said new land will

be developed in same way with trails for nature education. Sunday, March 17, at 2 p.m., Nelson will lead an open public tour of the land. Looking out over Paw Paw river are, from left, Chuck Barnes, assistant naturalist at center; Nelson; and wildlife students Lisa Hudnutt and Pete Gorton, both of St. Joseph. (Walter Booth photo)

## BH Board Won't Rehire Fairplain JHS Principal



CARLTON HUTCHINSON  
Contract Not Renewed

The Benton Harbor board of education will not rehire Carlton Hutchinson as principal of Fairplain junior high, a post he has held since 1969.

Hutchinson's name was not on the list of principals and administrators approved for new contracts by the board last night.

Board President E.E. (Bill) Bentley said only that Hutchinson had been placed on probation previously and his contract was not renewed for next year.

He is on the final year of a two-year contract at a salary of \$21,900.

Hutchinson, 51, will be offered a contract to teach in the Benton Harbor district. He came here as Fairplain principal from Dexter, Mich., where he had been superintendent.

Also not renewed was the contract of John Runyan, administrative assistant for public relations and communications for three years. Runyan reportedly will be offered another position in the district.

The board voted to offer one-year contracts for 1974-75 to 37 other principals and administrators; two-year contracts through June 30, 1976, for five group directors; and a two-year contract renewable annually for Robert W. Payne, deputy superintendent for administrative services.

Salaries will be determined at a later date.

The board also approved putting 56 teachers on second-year probation; continuance of second-year probation for eight teachers; third-year probation for two teachers; and tenure for 33 others.

Teacher tenure can be acquired after two years probation.

## U-M Medic To Lecture At Memorial

Dr. Ronald E. Easterling, a former Benton Harborite, will lecture Wednesday to the medical staff of St. Joseph Memorial hospital on diseases of the kidneys.

Dr. Easterling is associate professor of nephrology at University of Michigan hospital. He was valedictorian of the BHHS class of 1950 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Easterling, Benton Harbor.

He will address the medical staff at noon in the Forum.

## Fire Unit Elects Leaders

Wayne Prescott has been elected 1974 president of the governing board of the Lake Michigan Beach fire department of Hagar township. Other officers elected were William Leedy, vice president; Emiel Lycke, treasurer; Allen DePriest, secretary; and Doug Smally and Art Knapp, trustees. John Haak was re-elected department fire chief.



**CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES:** Construction of Lincoln township's new \$210,000 library is proceeding on schedule, according to Ernest Hauch, township supervisor. The library at corner of John

Beers and Roosevelt roads, is partially being financed by a one-year one mill property tax that will raise \$64,000. In addition to money raised by levy, library board has saved \$110,500 from previous

annual incomes for project and balance is to come from anticipated 1974 income. Hayes & Sons Construction company is general contractor. Library is expected to be completed this year. (Staff photo)

## Up 14 Per Cent Lakeshore's Budget \$4,121,250

BY ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

Lakeshore school board last night adopted a tentative budget of \$4,121,250 for the 1974-75 school year to submit to the Berrien county tax allocation board.

The budget, which is subject to change by the Lakeshore school board, is approximately 14 per cent higher than the current school year's budget of \$3,527,523. Final action on the budget comes after July.

Of the proposed budget,

\$2,650,249 been earmarked for teacher salaries, compared to \$2,339,549 this year. A total of \$103,582 has also been pegged for administrator salaries, compared to \$88,834 in 1973-74.

A total of \$203,927 in salaries for operational and maintenance personnel has been slated for 1974-75, compared to \$189,064 this year.

Transportation salaries of \$88,445 have been earmarked for next school year, compared to \$78,078 this year. A major expense on the tentative budget is \$83,650 to be used for replacing old school buses.

In other action, the board tabled a request from the Lakeshore Youth Baseball association to use three or more school buses this August for a trip to a major league baseball game in Chicago, Ill.

Board President John Steinke said the request would depend on the fuel situation at that time and indicated the primary purpose of the school buses is for transporting students to and from school. The association indicated it would reimburse the school district for the use of the buses.

Letters of recognition to the following persons and organizations were approved. The letters are to be sent to the high school wrestling team for its fourth place finish in the state meet; the varsity basketball team for completion of a successful season; the senior high band for winning a first division rating at the recent band festival; the high school Fine Arts department for its presentation of "Hello Dolly"; and the high school student

council for its variety show production.

William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, also was recognized for being named a registered school business administrator. He was presented a plaque by Steinke last night in recognition of his accomplishment.

Mrs. Pat Fege, elementary teacher at Roosevelt school, presented a slide presentation on the school system's IMPACT program, which had been providing instructional

motivation for all children and teachers at the elementary level.

The board also announced that filing deadline for petitions for three expiring board seats is May 13. Petitions are available at the superintendent's office. Two four-year seats on the board expire this June, that of Bud Totzke and Mrs. Mary Jane Waldenmaier. The two-year seat of James Murphy also expires. The annual school election will be held June 10.

## Richard L. O'Brien, ABCC Official, Dies

Richard L. O'Brien Sr., 45, of 1963 South Valleyview drive, St. Joseph, Vice President of Operations of Appliance Buyers Credit Corporation, died at 3:10 p.m. Monday in St. Joseph Memorial hospital.

Mr. O'Brien began his finance career in 1950, at Dayton, Ohio, after serving as a paratrooper for the U.S. Army. He joined Appliance Buyers Credit Corp., a wholly-owned Whirlpool Corp. subsidiary, in Cleveland, Ohio, when the firm was organized in 1958.

Mr. O'Brien was elected vice president in 1965. He was also on the board of directors of the Berrien County Chapter, American Red Cross and was an active worker in the Blossomland United Way and Boy Scout fund drives.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Guhel; three sons, Richard of Springfield, Ohio, Michael of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Lt. J.G. Thomas O'Brien of Fremont, Ohio, and a daughter Janet at home.

Funeral services will be held



RICHARD O'BRIEN SR.

at 11 a.m. Thursday in Kerley and Starks funeral home, where friends may call after 7 this evening. Burial will be in Riverview cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

## Concert To Mark King Anniversary

The sixth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be commemorated at a choral concert Thursday, April 4, at Benton Harbor high school.

The concert is sponsored by Operation STICK (Striving Together in Community Kinship). Rev. T. N. Wilkins, STICK treasurer, said four church choirs will be on the program — New Bethel, New Paradise and St. Mark's Baptist church and Peace Temple United Methodist.

Also appearing will be soloists

Mrs. Geneva Shepherd, Mrs. Alice McAfee and Louis Joseph.

Rev. Wilkins said the concert will be a benefit with 20 per cent of the proceeds going to two of the most needy families in the community and 80 per cent for a crime prevention program in the Benton Harbor area operated through neighborhood block clubs.

Tickets are \$1 in advance and \$2.50 at the door.

Master of ceremonies will be Rev. W. T. Burton of New Paradise church. The concert starts at 7 p.m.





**CLOSING ARGUMENTS:** Lynn Pugh, from Sister Lakes, told the Dowagiac school board last night that since she graduated from high school two years ago it has drastically improved, due to Arnold Schten, principal. She is shown above speaking a second time during stormy meeting, just before board members ended meeting short of completing business. Lynn Pugh told board members that in her opinion, their actions were not democratic. In background are, left, Kirk Stolley, student member of the school board, and right, Curtis Schempp, curriculum director of the school system. (Staff photos)



**STANDING OVATION:** Some of 250 persons in audience during last night's meeting of Dowagiac school board rise and applaud during talk by Larry

## Dowagiac Property Owners Angered Over Assessments

DOWAGIAC — Several Dowagiac residents, angered over recent property tax assessment increases, criticized City Assessor Charles Springsteen during the Dowagiac city council meeting last night.

Two persons, apparently spokesmen for a delegation of property owners, criticized increases as being made unequally throughout the city.

City Manager Henry Graper Jr. said assessment increases were made at the order of the state which demands property be assessed at about 50 per cent of its value.

Graper said that in previous years property assessment in the city has been too low, according to state officials.

He said the state has estimated

the city is about \$1,600,000 lower in assessments than it should be.

He said about 1,700 parcels of property were given assessment increases this year as part of a two-year attempt by the city to get city-wide assessments up to state-ordered levels.

He added, however, that he has hired a private assessor to appraise one home that was the specific target of criticism. The homeowner was not identified.

Glen Grady Sr., 115 Ashland, a former city councilman and former Cass county commissioner, said recent assessments were unequal and were made on a "hit and miss" basis.

Mrs. Maxine Ivens, 807 Orchard street, echoed Grady's complaints and request and

received an explanation on how Springsteen arrives at assessments.

The explanations, and answers to property owner complaints, came in a two-page fact sheet handed out by Graper.

Graper said the assessor's office will be open this Saturday to accommodate taxpayers with complaints and that he will also hear complaints on an appointment basis.

Board of review meetings have been delayed for a week to allow taxpayer protests, Graper said.

In other action, the council adopted urban area boundaries that will allow the city to qualify for federal road funds of \$33,000 a year for the next three years.

The council also gave its approval for the sales of special education Olympic bumper stickers in the city on March 30 and gave a certificate of appreciation to Dorothy Hoyt, 204 West Telegraph, a member of the library board for about 10 years.

Graper said the city has also served a stop order on a construction firm trying to lay sewer pipe across the property of Stanley Sarabyn of route 5, Meadow Brook subdivision.

Sarabyn had complained that the firm was laying pipes without first giving him a 30-day notice.

Provisions for the advance notice were part of a July, 1973 agreement between Sarabyn and the city, Graper said.

## Three Area Residents In \$1 Million Drawing

BY JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

Two Coloma residents and a Dowagiac woman each have 1-in-120 chances to become an instant millionaire March 26 at the 10th \$1 million drawing in the state lottery.

Named semifinalists in the drawing scheduled at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Ice area in Wyandotte were Mrs. Pearl Sawyer, 60, and Edward McKie, III, 20, both of Coloma; and Mrs. Vivian Hartman, 59, of Dowagiac.

Each is guaranteed at least \$1,000 from the big pot. Under the rules, 110 of the semifinalists get \$1,000 when they are eliminated from the final selection. The 10 finalists then compete for the top figure of \$1 million, one \$100,000 prize, one \$50,000 prize, two \$10,000 checks and five \$5,000 awards.

Mrs. Sawyer, wife of Walter, is employed at VM Corp. in Benton Harbor and is the mother of five grown children. Her husband works for Potlatch Corp. in St. Joseph. They live at 4750 North Coloma road.

Planning to pay bills is Mrs. Sawyer's first priority with whatever money she wins.

McKie, who lives on Route 4, Johnson road, Coloma, works as a cashier-clerk at Harding's Market in Coloma. He and his wife, Elaine, have no children.

Bills, too, have first priority with McKie.

Mrs. Hartman, whose husband, Preston, is retired from Heddon Bait, where she too has worked for the past 16 years, is the mother of four grown children. Paying off a small mortgage on her

home is her first priority, and "if I should hit a big prize" plans to give 10 per cent to the building fund for the Dowagiac United Methodist church and 10 per cent to the Mott Children's hospital in Ann Arbor. One of her eight grandchildren has had two operations there for a heart ailment already and needs a third before she enters school.

Among others in the race for the million dollars are two others who have been in the semifinal rounds in previous drawings for the big pot.

One is George Kelber, a Royal Oak gas station operator who once had his license to sell lottery tickets suspended, but then reinstated. He got \$1,000 his first time in the big drawing and also has hit \$5,000 in a recent Second Chance drawing and \$10,000 in a Super drawing.

The other repeater is Investments Unlimited, a lottery club in Monroe, whose president is John E. Ornosky of Monroe. This group also got \$1,000 out of its first time in the \$1,000,000 drawing.

The other semifinalists are:

Wladyslaw A. Adamski of Detroit, Merle L. Alexander of Escanaba, Hilda Anderson of Ferndale, and John C. Anderson of Grand Rapids. James D. Armbrust of St. Clair, Raymond F. Battle of Reed City, Nathan Beardsley of Flint, Darlene Bishop of East Detroit, Elsie Blanchard of Sturgis, and Lynn L. Bourne of Wayne.

Rey Bill Brennan of Northville, Kathryn Brosch of Allen Park, Dorothy Brown of Ypsilanti, Ronald Burgess of Lincoln Park, John Burk of Detroit, Chester Burittieri of Lorain, Ohio, and Elaine Burkheiser of Kalamazoo.

Sharon Butcher of Hillsdale, Charles Chamberlain of Far-

mington, R.T. Chandler of Cincinnati, Ohio, Edward J. Chmelar of Flushing, and Bernard Craft of Monroe.

Carol Cutler of Livonia, Walter Davidson of Saginaw, Donald Lee Davis of Ann Arbor, Grace Diller of Detroit, and Stirling Douglass of Fowlerville.

Melvin Easterwood of Maumee, Ohio, Manoog Evaranian of Detroit, George Tyrone Foxx of Jackson, Ina Fromholz of Minonien, Dorothy Gonsorek of Michigan City, Ind., Gary D. Graves of Taylor and Martin Greeb of Dearborn.

Roberta Greenwell of Cadillac, Bob Hannan of LaSalle, Ont., Fritz Heins of Westland, Mark Hitchcox of Kalamazoo, Antony Enick Holyoko of Bay City, and Sadie House of Livonia.

Sam A. Howlett of Rochester, Norma Jackowiak of Warren, Colia Johnson of Ecorse, William R. Johnston of Toledo, Ohio, Carol Joss of Pontiac, and Frederick Kaelin of Georgetown, Ky.

Toivo Kallio of Lincoln Park, Eva Karpani of Wyandotte, James Kirrill of Dearborn Heights, Ralph Korth of Utica, Ted J. Kuchar of Birmingham, Ruthann LeSavage of Tiffin, Ohio, John Leuking of Farmington Hills, Israel Levin of Southfield, Stanley Makres of Harper Woods, Douglas P. Martin of Detroit, and Melissa McDearman of Warren.

James E. McGee of Inkster, Lloyd McQueer of Lansing, and Mary Metzger of Rockwood.

Theoda Moore of Detroit, Sandra Morgan of Bay City, Helen Moritz of Roseville, Evelyn Morris of St. Clair Shores, Herbert L. Nelson of St. Louis, Mich., Irene Nowinski of Detroit, and Carl Peevey of South Lyon.

Harold Perosak of Troy, Louis W. Peterman of Traverse City,

Alfred Phillips of Detroit, and Franklyn Pierce of Oak Park, Ferdinando Pisto of Detroit, Barbara Ports of Northville, Nicholas Poulos of Detroit, Lovie O. Price of Detroit and Anne Przywara of Utica.

Casmere Radzikiewicz of Mount Clemens, George A. Riedy of Sandusky, Ohio, Raymond Rizk of Detroit, James Robb of Jackson, Eleanor Roman of Westland, Mary Ann Sander of Allen Park, and Theodore Sawchuk of Sterling Heights.

Gerald Schimmel of Ypsilanti, Carol Schutt of St. Clair Shores, Stanley Shall of Detroit, Sadie Sibley of Mount Clemens, and Louis A. Siemianowski of St. Clair Shores.

Myron Simmons of St. Clair Shores, Beverly Siradakis of Bay City, Joann Sly of Grand Blanc, Robert Smith of Madison Heights, Stanley Smolarek of Detroit, John J. Sobczak of Detroit, Michael T. Somero of Hazel Park, Charles Sonneberger of Brighton, Jack Spencer of Cass City, Sylvia Starr of Southgate, Cecile Stoutermire of Detroit, and Norman Strombeck of Mishawaka, Ind.

Dennis L. Swindell of Pontiac, Aura Thomas of Ferndale, Bernard I. Tobey of West Bloomfield, Ernest C. Toews of Leamington, Ont., Joseph F. Tomanica of Muskegon, and Paul Varga of South Bend, Ind.

Edward Walker of Chelsea, Oscar Watts Jr. of Detroit, Annie E. Webster of Detroit, and Kenneth F. Welch of Comstock Park.

Albert H. Williams of Windsor, Ont., Charles Wilson of Roseville, Anthony J. Woldanski of Detroit, Virgil E. Wood of Grand Rapids, and Kenneth A. Yeary of Monroe.

## Dowagiac Students Protest For Principal

### School Board Votes Ouster Of Arnold Schten

BY ALAN AREND and NICK SMITH  
Staff Writers

DOWAGIAC — An estimated 500 students at Dowagiac high school staged a protest at the school this morning in the wake of a school board decision last night to remove Arnold Schten as high school principal at the end of the school year.

The students congregated in the school's cafeteria, leaving first period classes all but vacant in the 800-student school.

According to school officials, the students reported to second period classes for roll call but then went to the auditorium for a meeting with School Board President Richard Judd Jr.

Richard Boles, assistant high school principal, said the students were orderly and had agreed to go to classrooms for roll call after Judd agreed to meet with them as they demanded.

Boles estimated the number of students involved in the demonstration.

Schten at one point met with students in the cafeteria and requested that they return to their classrooms. His request came after he had told them they were the "best students in the world."

The demonstration was the second by a group of students since Schten announced Friday that he had been informed by

school administrators that he would not be rehired as principal for next year.

School officials said 50 to 60 students staged a walkout at the school yesterday. They said the students were orderly and no damage was reported.

Student action today came in the aftermath of a stormy 2½ hour school board meeting last night where the board voted unanimously not to renew Schten's contract as principal. The board instead, offered him a teaching position.

The decision means that Schten would be able to complete this school year in the \$18,500 a year principal's post but would have to accept a classroom assignment next year.

Schten was not present at the school board session and made no comment afterward as to his plans. He had said Friday, however, he would not return if not wanted.

Schten has been principal of the high school for three years and had been an elementary school principal for two years before accepting the high school position.

No reason for his removal was given. Judd said at the board meeting that Schten had asked that the reasons not be made public.

The board session was marked by repeated outbursts from persons in the audience, estimated at 250. At one point, the meeting was recessed for 30 minutes because of an outburst. The meeting ended when one member of the audience verbally attacked the board's removal decision.

Judd, to keep order, warned the audience on several occasions to be quiet and limited persons wishing to speak to three minutes each.

Larry Crandall, a teacher in the high school, submitted a letter to the board calling for the retention Schten and praising him for his work at the school. Crandall said the letter had been endorsed by 44 of the school's 48 teachers.

The letter drew a standing ovation from the audience, made up primarily of students, as did Crandall's clash with Judd over when he could make his comments.

In the letter, Schten was praised for the "outstanding job he has done in leading Dowagiac Union high school out of its mediocrity to that of a leading high school in southwest Michigan and on the threshold of becoming the same for the entire state."

Kirk Stolley, a student delegate on the board, commented many students felt Schten was being removed because "he's a nice guy."

Further hassles developed after the recess when the board



**FACULTY LETTER:** Larry Crandall, a high school government teacher, reads letter to Dowagiac school board which he stated was endorsed by 44 of the 48 teachers and which called for retention of principal. Letter also praised current principal.

voted to split the positions of athletic director and assistant principal of the high school, both currently held by Boles, between two persons. Several persons who requested to speak were not allowed to. The board voted to make Boles assistant principal.

In other areas, Stanley Macklin, business affairs manager, told the board that the Lewis Cass Intermediate school district last week approved the transfer of two properties to Dowagiac schools. One, called the Carey property, was transferred from the Decatur school system, he told. The other, called the Jessup property, is from Cassopolis school district.

Macklin said that both districts have 10 days in which to appeal the transfers.

Also, the board voted to allot some \$1,600 to pay for equipment, staff, and transportation for a girl's junior high school track and field team.



**MEETING ENDS:** Dowagiac school board President Richard Judd, Jr., (holding microphone) officially ends last night's board meeting, which was accented by audience outbursts. Standing is a woman who wished to speak to Judd. on her right is Supt. Lionel J. Stacey.

## Galien Contracts Delayed Pending Millage Vote

GALIEN — Galien school board, faced with a millage election this June, deferred action on individual contracts for teachers last night.

The delay came as the board set for the June 10 annual school elections, a property tax levy renewal vote to help with school financing.

School officials said 17 mills have expired with tax collections this year. The package raises about \$170,000 towards operations yearly.

While the date for the millage election was set, school officials did not adopt a millage figure to be sought from voters.

School officials said it will be impossible to offer contracts to teachers until the millage issue and the amount of school operating funds are settled by the election.

In a related action, the board set for April 1 a special meeting to more clearly define teacher qualifications to be used as guidelines in any possible layoff of instructors.

The board voted to borrow \$22,720 from the Michigan National bank of Battle Creek at a

4.3 per cent interest rate, the lowest rate of interest to be submitted by three banks bidding. The money is to be used to purchase two buses.

A preliminary draft for student grievance procedures was accepted by the board as was a proposal that graduation ceremonies be held June 6 and that seniors with credits and grades to graduate not be forced to take final exams.

Supt. Robert C. Tilmann reported the school received \$30,674 in bus transportation reimbursement from the state for school year 1972-73 and is expecting \$37,603 this school year.

The expected increase, Tilmann said, is due to rerouting of buses to reduce mileage disallowed by the state.

The board also adopted a preliminary 1974-75 budget of \$324,843 for use by the Berrien county allocation board. The preliminary figure is \$94,061 over this year's budget.

The allocation board requests the early budgets in splitting the 15-mill tax allocation among schools, the county and the townships.

## Paw Paw Father Accused Of Cruelty

PAW PAW — A rural Paw Paw man was arrested by Van Buren sheriff's deputies last night on a charge of cruelly punishing a child.

Deputies said Ronnie Leonard, 20, route 1, Three Mile lake trailer park, was apprehended at his home in connection with injuries suffered by his 1-year-old son yesterday.

Deputies said the boy was examined last night at Lake View Community hospital at Paw Paw for bruises on the head and released.

## Most Observe Speed Limit

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Arrests for speeding have increased "slightly" since the new 55-mile-an-hour speed limit began being enforced Saturday, State Police say.

Col. John Brown, a deputy State Police director, said most motorists seem to be complying with the law. He said he had no statistics on the arrest increase.